



Date: July 19, 2004
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF July 15, 2004
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Richard L. Miller, Chair
Bradley Whyte, Vice Chair
Mike Reed
Holly Carpenter
Harry Hutton
Randy Crawford
David Calhoun
Peter Hogenson

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau
Doug Parsons, Superintendent, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Jeff Edwards, Supt., Marine Maint.
Paul Wawrzynski, Capt, Lifeguards, LBFD
Tom Keleher, LBPD Sergeant, Marine Patrol
Herminio Contreras, MP Sergeant, LBPD
Engstrom, MP Officer, LBPD
Lisa Berglund, Admin.Analyst, 3rd Dist.
Robert Lafoon-Villegas, Admin.Analyst, 2nd Dist.

Commissioners Absent

Mike Malbon

Guests

Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Joe Segura, Press Telegram
Don Cobleigh, LBMBOA
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA
Bud Johnson, former MAC Commissioner
Jeff Wooton, SCSC
Barbara Long, LBAOP
Keith Hacke, LBAOP

Chairman Miller convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

Mark introduced new commissioners David Calhoun and Peter Hogenson, and asked them to briefly state their background and qualifications. Commissioner Hogenson remarked that he has lived in Long Beach for 50 years, has worked with the Alamitos Bay Beach Preservation Group (ABBPG), and was a boatowner in ABM for 30 years. He has a strong interest in ABM, and events held in the area. Commissioner Calhoun stated that he was born and raised in Long Beach and attended Wilson High School. He began boating in 1978, and currently has a slip in LBSM.

Mark also introduced LBPB Sergeant Tom Keleher. Sgt. Keleher has been with the LBPB for 13 years. He said that this position would offer a new and different challenge, and that he was looking forward to working with the MAC.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- The June 10, 2004, MAC minutes were reviewed and approved with a change on page five, item seven to read, "...issuing tickets to owners whose dogs are off their leash **and swimming in the ocean.**"

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Jeff Wooten of the Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) requested a 15-minute (accumulative) variance at 115db, for the 2004 Long Beach Sprint Nationals.

Mark Sandoval stated that the event is well received, and that he had no calls of complaint as a result of last year's event.

It was moved by Commissioner Whyte and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the MAC recommend approval of a 15-minute noise variance at a level of 115db for the 2004 Long Beach Sprint Nationals, to be held on August 14, 2004. The motion passed unanimously.

- Barbara Long of the Aquarium of the Pacific (AOP) presented plans for renovation of the Wave Fountain at the Aquarium. The City has received \$190,000 in funding from the Rivers and Land Conservancy. The same artist that did the California Disney tile display is working on this project. Once the fountain is refurbished, it will operate better than it has in the past. This item will be going before the City Council in August. Hopefully, it will be unveiled as a gift to the City for the holidays.

It was moved by Commissioner Reed and seconded by Commissioner Hutton that the MAC support the concept of the renovation of the wave fountain at the Aquarium of the Pacific as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- Commissioner Crawford asked for clarification of the newly revised Temporary Authorization (TA) Policy.

Mark Sandoval clarified a couple of issues of the TA Policy, i.e., after one day of unpaid interval, the boatowner will have to leave the marina for six months. Also, if a boatowner chooses to leave during the paid interval, they will forfeit the unused balance.

Commissioner Hutton said that previous regulations stated management could accept or reject admission of any vessel into the marina. The TA Policy does not include this statement, and he felt that it should. The MAC agreed with Commissioner Hutton. Mark said this particular language was not spelled out in the new policy, and that he would make the addition.

Commissioner Reed added that he felt the portion covering "reciprocal privileges" should reference the Marina Rules and Regulations. Mark said that he would add that wording to the policy.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Doug Parsons gave the report for the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of June.

- Doug Parsons explained that some slips in ABM and LBSM are frozen to allow for the rebuild, and that the Bureau is temporarily authorizing boaters to fill the slips to keep up revenue. Vacancies should start to drop a little in LBSM by next month, due to the Bureau filling some vacant slips from the Waiting List.

Mark Sandoval stated that Conolly-Pacific should be signing the contract today or tomorrow, and 120 days from the date the contract is signed in water construction will begin.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of June.

- Five locations of the original aeration system in the Rainbow Lagoon are again functioning after many years of being inoperable.
- PRM has recently issued contracts for the maintenance of all landscape areas throughout the Tidelands. This move is a cost savings for the City. The Department has eliminated budgeted positions in the PRM landscaping division, and has transferred employees from this division to other open positions within the Maintenance Operations Bureau.
- Chairman Miller asked about the bulkhead at the Belmont Plaza Pool. Jeff explained that the City is working through the bid process for a new bulkhead.
- Commissioner Reed asked about a warning sign he saw regarding a power line in the water at the foot of 62nd Place. He wanted to know if the City put up the sign, or if it was bogus, tied to territorial issues in the area. Jeff said he would check it out and get back to the MAC with his findings.
- Commissioner Crawford asked about the schedule for the beach replenishment program. He commented that Dana Place could use some sand.

Jeff explained that the program takes place in February.

- Jeff stated he would supply an additional data sheet to go along with the Beach Measurement Chart.

Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Captain Paul Wawrzynski gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of June.

- On the 4th of July, beach users were contacted and advised that fireworks are illegal in Long Beach. Fireworks were confiscated and fines were issued to beach users. Lifeguards did not notice any less use of fireworks, and rescues were up.

Chairman Miller asked why the Fire vehicles left the beaches at 8 p.m. and Lifeguards stayed on. Capt. Wawrzynski explained that Lifeguards were also pulled off the towers for safety purposes.

Mark Sandoval said he noticed fireworks were somewhat down from last year (at least 30%) at Granada. He explained that this is going to be a three-year program. This first year was to focus on education and next year there will be stronger enforcement and citations issued. He said that a lot of fireworks were confiscated, and there was more enforcement presence on the beach than before. He did see citations being written and City personnel were filming for future use.

- Long Beach will be hosting the National Junior Lifeguard and Senior Regional Competitions.

Marine Patrol Report

LBPD Sergeant Tom Keleher reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of June.

Sgt. Keleher stated that thousands of dollars in fireworks were confiscated in large amounts, and citations were issued. Next year there should be fewer problems with fireworks.

Currently, the Marine Patrol Division is six officers down, with one officer on light duty. Marine Patrol is working on filling these positions as fast as they can.

The number of gangways walked is low, reflective of being short seven officers.

Sgt. Keleher informed the MAC that they could contact him anytime, and gave them a 24-hour number where he could be reached.

Executive MAC

- All items covered.
- Mark Sandoval commented that two meetings would be held (July 22 and July 29) at Councilman Frank Colonna's field office to discuss slip fees.
- Chairman Miller encouraged Commissioners to contact staff (Marine Bureau, Marine Patrol, Lifeguards) directly regarding concerns they might have, prior to bringing them to the MAC meeting. He said this was important in order to allow staff to gather information.

Operations Committee

Commissioner Carpenter reported that there were no new issues. At their next meeting the Committee will review the new TA policy.

- Mark Sandoval remarked that the reason he extended the TA Policy to a total of nine months (at three month intervals) was because he was trying to be customer friendly. He also stated that a TA would only be written if the full three-month interval could be provided. He noted that, as it gets closer to the renovation date, the Bureau might not be able to extend additional time.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- Revised costs estimates for the Pier should be completed this month.
- The issue of installing dock ladders in the marinas was discussed. There was mixed opinion as to whether they would become an attractive nuisance.
- Pump-outs are being destroyed due to wrong use, i.e., pumping out bilges, etc.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Dick Miller asked new commissioners to think about which committee they would like to sit on. He informed the other commissioners that, if they would like to, this would be the time to switch to another committee.
- Commissioner Reed reported that he is still working on the MAC Web Page.
- Commissioner Crawford asked about the dredging of the LA River and what is done with the dredged material.

Jeff Edwards said that sediment is only suitable for upland disposal.

- Commissioner Carpenter said that the Dog Beach has been fun, signage is great, and users have been keeping their dogs down by the water. A new small fountain for dogs has been installed at the bottom of the water fountain.
- Chairman Miller reported that Stanford University did an interesting study on beach closures due to ground water contamination. He gave a copy of the study to Mark Sandoval for his review.
- Chairman Miller said that there was a tremendous amount of press on the aquatic events recently held. He said that Long Beach is sending two paraplegic rowers to Spain to compete in the Special Olympics.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Carl Kirnbauer asked when construction in the marinas would begin.

Mark Sandoval said that in approximately four months, in-the-water construction should begin.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for August 12, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
City Clerk